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1. DEPT APPRECIATES DIFFICULTIES FACED BY POSTS IN ENCOURAGING HOST GOVS TO CONTINUE FIRST ASYLUM PRACTICE DESPITE SLOW RATE OF MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO U.S. RESETTLEMENT. WE BELIEVE SOLUTION IS NOT TO BE FOUND, HOWEVER, IN

DISTORTION OF U.S. PROGRAM BY USE OF CE FOR NPV IN OTHER THAN THE MOST COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES. DEPT AND INS/CO DO NOT CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION REFTELS A, B, AND D SINCE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES RESETTLED WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN WILL BE THE CASE THROUGH FULL UTILIZATION OF NPV POSSIBILITIES. THE SAME CONSIDERATION LEADING TO THESE REQUESTS WOULD OBTAIN IN ENLARGED TERMS THIS SUMMER, AND DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS MAXIMIZATION OF NUMBERS A KEY PART OF CONTINUING INDOCHINESE CE PROGRAM. WE AGREE THAT SITUATION MALAYSIA VERY SERIOUS AND KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY ALLOCATION CE NUMBERS IN JUNE, BUT ONLY WITHIN LIMITATION ABOVE PRINCIPLE.

2. THE SPECIAL ASPECT OF SINGAPORE PROBLEM --- THE DESIRE TO AVOID TRANSFER OF HOSEI MARU REFUGEES TO A SECOND "FIRST ASYLUM" COUNTRY BEFORE THEY ARE FINALLY PROCESSED AND MOVED TO US --- HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN THIS DECISION TO DENY THE APPEAL. THE GOS RECORD IS SO CONSISTENTLY POOR IN THIS MATTER THAT THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE REFUGEES OUT OF TURN WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE SINGAPORE TO REPEAT THE DEMAND FOR EVERY BOAT LOAD. AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE SHOULD INFORM UNHOR REP OF DEPT DECISION AND RECOMMEND THAT UNHOR DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY DESIRABILITY OF ACTION BY THEM TO PERSUADE GOS TO PERMIT REFUGEES TO REMAIN IN SINGAPORE UNTIL THEY CAN BE PROCESSED AT THE TIME NPVS AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRANTS WITH APRIL 1977 PRIORITY DATE.

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